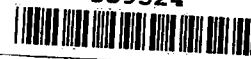


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Dr. Jorge Berkowitz  
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Dear Dr. Berkowitz:

I would like to bring to your attention that our OSC observed on September 12, 1984 at Duane Marine that people (i.e. probably children) are still getting into this site. Observed were breaks in the fencing, window boards removed and indications that drums may have been tampered with, that appeared to contain caustic material. We were on site that day to complete our removal action which involved disposal of contaminated soil and repair of the breaks in the site security. Maintenance from this point forward will be NJDEP's, as we agreed upon on July 18, 1984.

The repair of the fence by EPA, and frequent daily inspections of the facility by the Perth Amboy Police Department apparently has done little to eliminate the potential for human contact to the hazardous materials on site. As you can remember, we had our doubts that strengthening site security would work on this site based on its past track record.

I now strongly recommend that the State initiate its removal action you said would occur in September 1984, on schedule. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Librizzi, Director  
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